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Biden's swearing-in will look very different amid pandemic, after Capitol siege

One day before being inaugurated as the 46th president of the United States, Joe Biden delivers remarks Tuesday at the Major Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III National Guard/Reserve Center in New Castle, Del. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated at noon today. • The ongoing coronavirus pandemic and fresh security concerns following a pro-Trump mob breaching the Capitol on Jan. 6 have combined to force some changes to what is a historical American day. • Tickets to the swearing-in ceremony are limited, parade viewing stands have been dismantled near the White House to discourage crowds, inaugural balls have been canceled, and health officials are urging people not to travel and attend. • Instead of thousands of people gathering on the National Mall for the festivities, the traditional parade down Pennsylvania Avenue will be replaced by a virtual parade that will be televised.

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Vaccine rollout gets even slower

No ramp-up in Ohio's supply seen until March

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COLUMBUS – Ohio's slow rollout of COVID-19 vaccines isn't speeding up anytime soon.

On Tuesday, Gov. Mike DeWine announced some adults with severe congenital, developmental or early-onset medical disorders will have to wait another three weeks for COVID-19 vaccines.

The state is prioritizing people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and at-risk of COVID-19 complications first. Those individuals will have access to the COVID-19 vaccine starting next week through local boards of developmental disabilities.

Those who are at-risk of COVID-19 complications but do not have an intellectual or developmental disability will have access to the COVID-19 vaccines starting Feb. 15.

The list of eligible conditions includes cerebral palsy; spina bifida; congenital heart disease; Type 1 diabetes; inherited metabolic disorders; severe neurologic disorders including epilepsy; severe genetic disorders including Down syndrome, Fragile X, Prader Willi syndrome and Turner syndrome; severe lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma; sickle cell anemia; and alpha and beta thalassemia.

If Ohio doesn't have enough doses, DeWine said he might delay the rollout to Ohioans ages 70 and older, too.

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Ohio experts back COVID-19 vaccine for kids under 12

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The novel coronavirus hasn't stricken children as forcefully as it has adults. But kids are getting COVID-19, and even those who aren't having breathing trouble, high fevers and that persistent cough can spread it.

As vaccine trials continue for children ages 12-16, leading infectious diseases experts around the world are discussing COVID-19 vaccination trials for younger children – and are confident it will happen.

"We definitely will be doing trials in kids under 12. The only discussion point is the lower age limit cutoff," said Dr. Robert Frenck, who's headed Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine trials at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center since late April on adults and continued heading trials when the center started inoculating adolescents in October.

Frenck is director of the National Institutes of Health-funded Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Units and Gamble Program for Clinical Studies at Cincinnati Children's.

He and other leading vaccine colleagues in the United States, Frenck said, have been suggesting that 2 years old be the lowest age threshold because most of the routine childhood vaccines are done by then.

"In Europe, the regulatory agencies are advocating enrolling down to infants," he said.

Even before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the 12-16 age group trials, Frenck was a proponent of

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